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1. Turnov (051/G 24). The attachment shows the location of barracks in Turnov. Little activity could be observed in the barracks on 27 January 1953. In the morning about 120 men left the barracks in four three-ton trucks.

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In the afternoon 80 men took part in a guard-mounting assembly. NCOs observed entering the barracks were artillerymen.

- a. About 40 lieutenants were lunching at the local hotel. Majority had gold epaulets with red piping, a few had gold epaulets with black piping.

2. Liberec (051/G 16).

- a. On 28 January 1953 only a few infantry soldiers were observed in the new barracks. The barracks had a deserted look.
- b. In the courtyard of the old barracks about 40 men conducted training with four special trucks.* The NCO in command was an artilleryman.
- c. There was no flying activity at the airfield. In the garages near the gate army mechanics were repairing trucks. The guard was infantry.
- d. The following military vehicles were observed in the town:

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truck, 5-ton, parked at the old barracks
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 " 3-ton, parked at the airport
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 jeep, Air Force driver

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3. Varnsdorf (051/ F 87). There were about 800 EM, mostly recruits, stationed in the town at the beginning of January 1953. On 5, 6, and 7 January 1953 about 200 recruits arrived with rifles and equipment daily by train and were accommodated in the former old hospital.** Groups of EM, each about 30 men strong, were conducting basic drill within the town area. Infantry NCOs were in charge of these groups.
4. Caska Kamenice (051/ F 76). On 10 January 1953 about 400 soldiers arrived with rifles and personal luggage at the local railroad station. They were met by four lieutenants with red-piped gold epaulets. After assembling the whole group marched away in the direction of Jetrichovice (051/ F 67). According to local railroaders, similar groups of soldiers arrived daily since the beginning of January. There is a rumor that the villages Jetrichovice, Limpach (051/ F 76), Studena (051/ F 77), and Rynartice (051/ F 67) were, or are being, evacuated for military use. The Balzhutte hill (051/ F 67) and its environment is included in a prohibited military area.

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* [] Comment: The trucks were previously reported and described []

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** [] Comment: In [] a PS unit quartered in these barracks.

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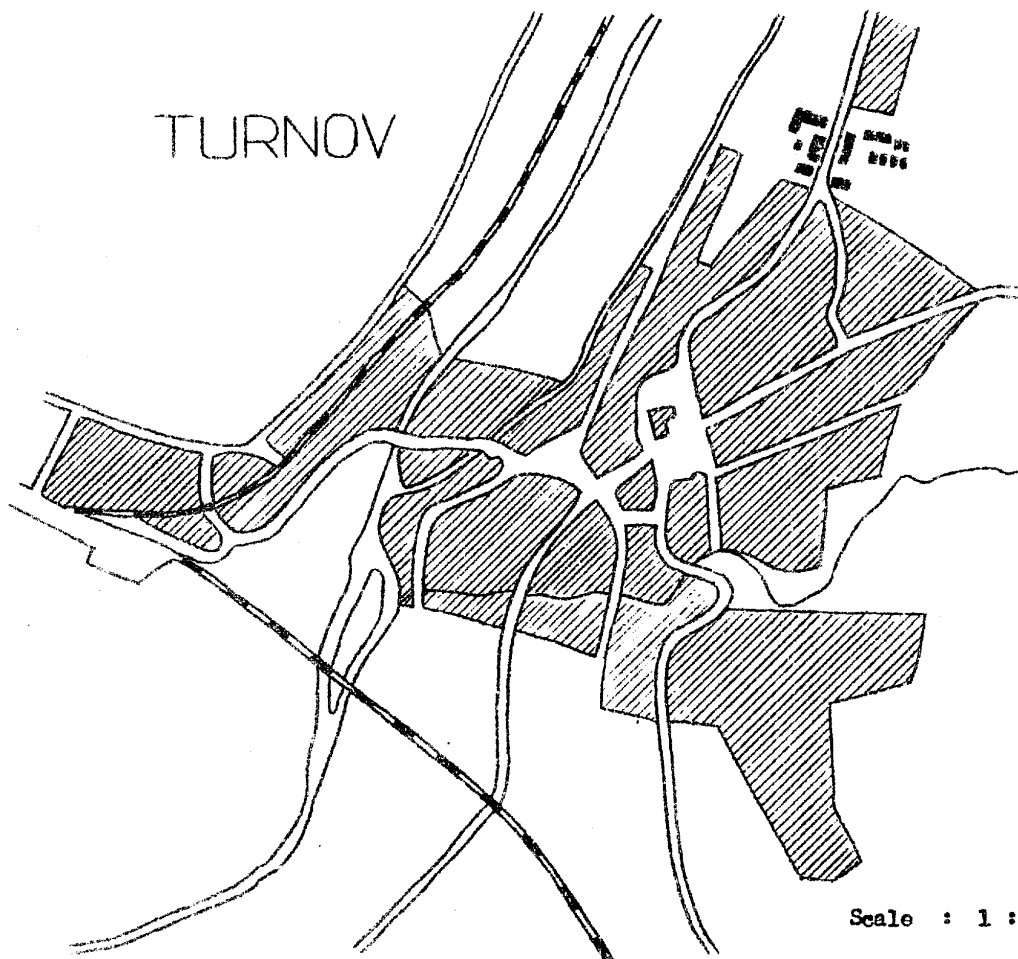
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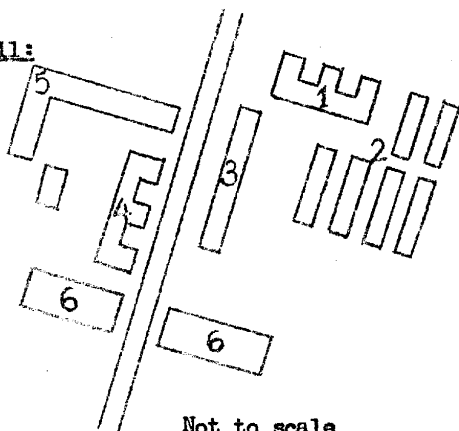
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TURNOV



Scale : 1 : 12,500

Detail:



Not to scale

Legend:

- 1 - Headquarters
- 2 - Garages
- 3 - Stables
- 4 - Turnov Post Command
- 5 - Stables or garages
- 6 - IM quarters (3-story buildings)

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